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## **Suspicious Person Arrested for Following Children**

On March 27, 2015, New Castle County Police arrested 27 year old **Richard Harrison**, from the 700 Block of Christiana Rd, Newark, for harassment, offensive touching, and disorderly conduct after he was observed bothering children from an area apartment complex.

(Newark, 19711)On March 27, 2015 at approximately 7:30 pm, New Castle County Police were dispatched to the 700 Block of Christiana Road, the Cedarwood Apartment complex, in reference to a suspicious person complaint between an adult and area children. The complaint involved a black male following children around and at one point, touching a child's head. Neighbors from the complex noticed this activity and the fact that he was bothering the children. The neighbors confronted the male and he fled into an apartment within the complex. A New Castle County Police patrol unit was dispatched and began an investigation. During the investigation, the black male was identified as 27 year old **Richard Harrison** who is also from the complex. In all, two child victims were located and reported his actions.

There are concerns that this subject may have done this to other children in the complex. Police are asking for any more witnesses or victims of incidents similar in

nature, to contact Officer Christopher Phillips at (302)395-8171 or email him at <a href="mailto:CMPhillips@nccde.org">CMPhillips@nccde.org</a>.

<u>Richard Harrison</u> was charged with two counts of harassment, one count of offensive toughing, and one count of disorderly conduct. He was issued a \$1200.00 unsecured bail and released with a no contact order with the child victims.

Citizens should call 911 or (302)573-2800 to report any suspicious activity observed. You can also submit a tip anonymously by going to <a href="www.NCCPD.com">www.NCCPD.com</a> and following the link for Tips and Alerts. You will be asked for a subject line, the location the tip applies to, and your tip information. You may also attach a photograph. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333. Residents with the Smartphone App are encouraged to use the "submit tip" tab to submit tips. Select a topic by using the "drop down" and complete the tip by "clicking" submit. Citizens may also provide information on the New Castle County Facebook Page.



Richard Harrison